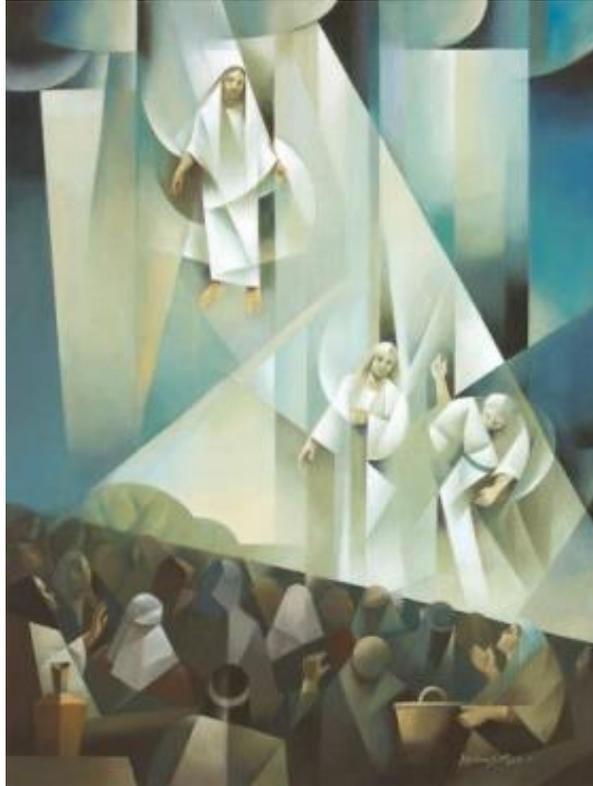


St Benedict's Bennetts End and St Mary's Apsley End

The Eucharist Ascensiontide



Sunday 16th May 2021

10.00am

Led by Revd. Lizzie Hood

Technical support from Harry Graham-Brown and Dan Shirley

Musician David Heath

A short introduction will be played before all musical aspects of the service

WELCOME via 'Zoom'!

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The Gathering

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
And also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Hymn No. 16 All hail the power of Jesus' name

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name,
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.
2. Crown him, all martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of paid you trod,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.
3. O prophets faithful to his word,
in matters great and small,
who made his voice of justice heard,
now crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.
4. All sinners, now redeemed by grace,
who heard your Saviour's call,
now robed in light before his face,
O crown him, crown him, crown him,
Crown him Lord of all.
5. Let every tribe and every race
who heard the freedom call,
in liberation, see Christ's face,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.
6. Let every people, every tongue
to him their heart enthral:
lift high the universal song
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him Lord of all.

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Seeing we have a great high priest
who has passed into the heavens,
Jesus the Son of God,
let us draw near with a true heart,
in full assurance of faith,
and make our confession to our heavenly Father.

**O King enthroned on high,
filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name,
Lord God Almighty.
In our sinfulness we cry to you to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

May the Father forgive us
by the death of his Son
and strengthen us
to live in the power of the Spirit
all our days.
Amen.

The Gloria – to the tune of Give me joy

(Musical accompaniment will be played for those joining on Zoom to sing the words, but spoken words only please if in church.)

**Glory be to God the Father
Glory be to God the Son
Glory be to God the Spirit
ever three and ever one**

*Praise our maker, praise our Saviour
praise to God our everlasting King
every throne must bow before Him
God is Lord of everything.*

**Jesus Christ is the Lord of creation
He has come to bring peace on earth
He has cleansed us from all that is sinful
and has given us second birth**

***Praise our maker, praise our Saviour
praise to God our everlasting King
every throne must bow before Him
God is Lord of everything***

**Send the Spirit of life to be with us
may your love fill our hearts each day
may our praise give you glory forever
as we serve you in every way**

***Praise our maker, praise our Saviour
praise to God our everlasting King
every throne must bow before Him
God is Lord of everything***

The Collect

Let us pray that we may walk in the risen life of Christ.
A short time of silent prayer.

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: read by Adrian Whalley

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

1: 15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia.

The Gospel: read by Alison Murray

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

17:6-19

Glory to you, O Lord!

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ!

The Sermon

A short period of silence may follow.

The Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,**

of all that is,
seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

[Prayers of Intercession: led by Bob Day](#)

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is
to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.
Alleluia

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn No. 12 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

1. Alleluia, sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne.
Alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark, the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by His blood.
2. Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise:
"I am with you evermore"?
3. Alleluia, bread of angels,
here on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
come to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.
4. Alleluia, King eternal,
he the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth his footstool, heav'n his throne.
he within the veil has entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
he on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic Feast.

The Preparation of the Table

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church
soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For he is our great high priest
who has entered once for all
into the heavenly sanctuary,
evermore to pour upon your Church
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.
He is the one who has gone before us,
who calls us to be united in prayer
as were his disciples in the upper room
while they awaited his promised gift,
the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.
Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing
as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed,
the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of [*N and*] all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

(Musical accompaniment will be played for those joining on Zoom to sing the words, but spoken words only please if in church.)

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

The Invitation to Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

You may like to use the following words, 'An act of spiritual communion' to reflect at this point:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

The Prayer after Communion

**You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.
Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you
all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Hymn No. 752 Will you come and follow me

1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know,
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you,
and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind,
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer
in you, and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free,
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you, and you in me?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside,
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you, and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true
 when you but call my name.
 Let me turn and follow you,
 and never be the same.
 In your company I'll go
 where your love and footsteps show.
 Thus I'll move and live and grow
 in you, and you in me.

The Blessing

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
 give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 and strengthen you to proclaim the word
 and works of God;
 and the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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